City Council Meeting October 1, 2014 7:30 pm Montpelier City Hall

The meeting was conducted by Mayor Jared Sharp on October 1, at 7:30 at the Montpelier City Hall.

Present:

Dan Fisher Heather Mortensen Scott Nussbaum Ted Slivinski Mike Sparks Others:

Clerk Leslie Tueller Superintendent John Petersen Chief Russell Roper

Excused: Marden Phelps

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Jared Sharp asked that the After School Grant be added to the section concerning opening of the budget.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the agenda for October 1st as amended. Councilmember Ted Slivinski seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to approve the minutes for September 17th as written. Councilmember Scott Nussbaum seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Approval of Bills

Councilmember Mike Sparks moved to approve and pay bills in the amount of \$106,225.03, with \$43,691.21 being payroll. Councilmember Heather Mortensen seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Liquor License for Cooper's Kitchen

Cooper's Kitchen has applied for a beer and wine on premise liquor license for their restaurant. The license would be good for three months until they need to renew in January of 2015. It was decided they could purchase a pro-rated license for the three remaining months of 2014. They have supplied the city with a copy of their state and their county license.

Councilmember Ted Slivinski moved to approve the liquor license for Cooper's Kitchen with the pro-rated amount for 2014. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Meservey Marker

Doug and Cindy Gale have contacted the Montpelier City Clerk's office and ask that an exception be made for them to purchase a plot at the cemetery for the resident's price. They would like to place a marker for a person who is interred in the Montpelier Cemetery but they do not know where in the family plot he is buried. Mr. and Mrs. Gale would like to purchase a separate plot so they can place a monument in the cemetery for this person. Councilmember Marden Phelps introduced this matter at the last meeting and it was tabled until the council had time to make a decision.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to amend the agenda and place the Meservey marker on the agenda as an action item. Councilmember Ted Slivinski seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to make an exception and sell a cemetery space to Doug and Cindy Gale at the resident's price so they make place a monument for somebody who is already buried there at an unknown place. Councilmember Heather Mortensen seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Stop Grant Application

Chief Russell Roper was present to ask the City Councilmembers for authorization to submit the STOP Grant for our Victim's Advocate Program. The grant was already written and was waiting for approval from the council to be submitted.

Councilmember Scott Nussbaum moved to authorize Chief Russell Roper to submit the Stop Grant for approval. Councilmember Ted Slivinski seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Budget Opening

Mayor Jared Sharp informed the councilmembers that the budget needed to be opened for several reasons. The employee's health insurance benefit would remain the same, causing an increase in the employees' benefits by approximately thirteen thousand dollars after the 3% wage increase was traded. The Bear Lake Arts Council's budget also needs to be added since they are still running all their revenue and bills through the city. The Benchmark Grant for Enough Is Enough Drug Coalition also needs to be added into the budget since the award was granted and the council voted to accept it. The After School Program was also awarded an extra \$9,750.00 for Professional Development and that amount needs to be added to the budget.

Laura Haddock was present to represent the Arts Council and talk about their budget needs. She stated that she felt \$1800.00 would be enough to pay their expenses for the year. The Bear Lake

Arts Council will open their own savings account to keep all of their revenue and will cover the expenses paid by the city for the next fiscal year by depositing into the general fund enough money to cover those expenses.

Councilmember Dan Fisher moved to authorize publication for a Public Hearing on November 5th to open the budget and address these increases. Councilmember Mike Sparks seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Dan Fisher

Councilmember Dan Fisher asked if the grant administration of the established grants and the upcoming grants had been discussed and if any of those involved would need training in that area. Mayor Jared Sharp answered that he had talked with outgoing grant writer, Amy Bishop and those questions had been resolved. He felt that training was a good subject to talk about.

Councilmember Fisher also reported on the Bear Lake Regional Commission meeting that he attended.

Heather Mortensen

Councilmember Heather Mortensen stated that she had been approached by three separate citizens, each with their own solution, on their concern about the traffic on Monroe Street. Their solutions included children at play signs, speed limit signs and stop signs. The councilmembers discussed each of these solutions with input from the Chief of Police, Russ Roper and the City Superintendent, John Petersen.

All of these solutions were discussed along with several others that might be able to help with this problem, including placing the speed limit trailer to sign to make people aware of the speed they were traveling. It was decided to bring it up at the next meeting and Mayor Sharp asked Chief Roper to talk with Terry Allred about the problem.

Councilmember Heather Mortensen moved to table this decision until the next City Council meeting on October 15th. Councilmember Dan Fisher seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Councilmember Heather Mortensen reported that the Bear Lake Arts council is having their retreat on October 9^{th} at 6:00 pm.

Scott Nussbaum

Councilmember Scott Nussbaum informed the council that the radios that the fire department uses are quickly becoming outdated. The firemen can listen but they cannot speak. They have two radios that are in good working order in the vehicles and two handhelds but other than those four, the rest are going to need to be replaced. Approximate cost of a new radio is \$3,000.00

<u>Executive Session</u>, <u>Idaho Code 67-2345</u>, <u>subsection</u> (a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general.

Councilmember Mike Sparks moved to go into Executive Session. Councilmember Heather Mortensen seconded. Roll call vote was taken:

Mike Sparks	yes
Dan Fisher	yes
Ted Slivinski	yes
Heather Mortensen	yes
Scott Nussbaum	yes

The motion passes unanimously.

Councilmember Mike Sparks moved to go back into regular session. Councilmember Ted Slivinski seconded. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mayor Jared Sharp adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie S. Tueller